

Please amend the specification as follows. A marked up version of the amendments is attached hereto (Appendix B):

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Please insert the Sequence Listing pages 1-830 submitted with Applicants' response mailed March 29, 2001 in the application after the claims.

✓ Please delete each page of Tables IV, V, and VII through XXXVIII and insert therefor the replacement Tables IV, V, and VII through XXXVIII submitted herewith.

✓ Please replace the paragraph at page 50, line 28 through page 51, line 2 with the following clean copy of the amended paragraph:

In certain embodiments, the T helper peptide is one that is recognized by T helper cells present in the majority of the population. This can be accomplished by selecting amino acid sequences that bind to many, most, or all of the HLA class II molecules. These are known as "loosely HLA-restricted" or "promiscuous" T helper sequences. Examples of amino acid sequences that are promiscuous include sequences from antigens such as tetanus toxoid at positions 830-843 (QYIKANSKFIGITE; SEQ ID NO:3874), *Plasmodium falciparum* CS protein at positions 378-398 (DIEKKIAKMEKASSVFNVVNS; SEQ ID NO:3875), and Streptococcus 18kD protein at positions 116 (GAVDSILGGVATYGAA; SEQ ID NO:3876). Other examples include peptides bearing a DR 1-4-7 supermotif, or either of the DR3 motifs.

Please replace the paragraph at page 51, lines 3-12 with the following clean copy of the amended paragraph:

Alternatively, it is possible to prepare synthetic peptides capable of stimulating T helper lymphocytes, in a loosely HLA-restricted fashion, using amino acid sequences not found in nature (see, e.g., PCT publication WO 95/07707). These synthetic compounds called Pan-DR-binding epitopes (e.g., PADRE™, Epimmune, Inc., San Diego, CA) are designed on the basis of their binding activity to most HLA-DR (human HLA class II) molecules. For instance, a pan-DR-binding epitope peptide having the formula: aKXVWANTLKA<sub>n</sub>a, where "X" is either cyclohexylalanine, phenylalanine, or tyrosine, and a is either D-alanine or L-alanine (SEQ ID NO:3877), has been found